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Subject: Microsoft Anti Trust??

I'm really disappointed about the out come of the DOJ anti trust suit against

Microsoft. Its clear that Microsoft has used there business practices to stop

competing companies. It is also clear about there intention on controlling

the market and gouging the consumer, if you look at there new licensing structure for Microsoft XP. I don't mind paying for a product once but, the

way Microsoft is licensing XP means I will probable end up paying for it

several times on the same computer system. Right now there is no charge for

re-licenseing XP but what about next year? What's going to happen after XP gets established? I can see the possibility where Microsoft will start recharging. If there where any other product on the market to compete

with Microsoft OS I would be using it. The Microsoft products are buggy and in

my opinion not worth the licensing fees they want and definitely not worth having to pay for the product more then once. The reason Microsoft

can get away with this is because they have stifled the competition. The

only alternative for me at this time is Lynx a product of the GNU free software foundation and I'm giving it serious consideration.

And then there is the problem of privacy, everytime I connect the the network

for work or play Microsoft down loads a "profile on me". It happens so quickly

that nobody is aware of this activaty. So what is this for? Licenseing? Marketing?

Is this profile being sold to other companies? I realize that by connecting to a

web site that I am in some since giving the owner permition to map my activaty

but Microsoft has taken this to a point of intrussion. All because they can.

Thanks

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